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SUBJECT: FOOD SECURITY SCHEME IN TANZANIA

REF: (A) STATE 145133, (B) REPORT OF FAO MEETING IN ROME RE

TANZANIA -- APRIL, (C) DAR ES SALAAM 994

1. MALECELA LUNCH JUNE 23 CONCENTRATED ON FOOD SECURITY SCHEME. IN ADDITION TO VARIETY OF TANZANIAN MINAG OFFICIALS, UK HIGH COMMISSIONER AND REPS CANADA AND HOLLAND WERE PRESENT. MALECELA EXPLAINED FAO FOOD SECURITY SCHEME ALONG KNOWN LINES, EXPLAINED THIS WAS THIRD IN SERIES OF LUNCHESES HE WAS HOLDING TO DISCUSS IT WITH POSSIBLE DONOR REPS (FIRST TWOM HAD BEEN WITH EEC COUNTRIES), AND ASKED FOR REACTIONS.

2. UK HICOM INDICATED HE HAD JUST RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM LONDON FOR 10,000 TON FOOD GRAIN CONTRIBUTION AND CONFIRMED THAT UK WOULD FINANCE CONSTRUCTION 40,000 TONS OF STORAGE. (ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE IS LATE 1978. UK MAY UNDERTAKE ADDITIONAL 40,000 AT LATER PHASE OF FOOD SECURITY.) I SAID US WAS PREPARED CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR PL 480 PROGRAM FOR FOOD SECURITY SCHEME -- ESPECIALLY IF, AS WE WERE CURRENTLY INFORMED, THERE WOULD NOT BE SIGNIFICANT GAP IN CONSUMPTION AVAILABILITIES. MALECELA INDICATED HE WOULD LIKE BEGIN CONSULTATIONS WITH US HERE ON THIS IN LATE AUGUST. CANADIAN AND DUTCH OFFICIALS WHO HAD BEEN

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SUMMONED AT LAST MOMENT IN LIEU THEIR ABSENT AMBASSADORS HAD NOTHING TO SAY, THOUGH WE UNDERSTAND CANADA HAS A IN FACT PROMISED 10,000 TONS OF WHEAT.

3. CLEARLY WHAT WE DO FOR TANZANIA IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS UNDER PL 480 WILL DEPEND ON A VARIETY OF FACTORS (E.G., AVAILABILITIES, ALLOCATIONS, CONGRESSIONAL ACTION, LOCAL TANZANIAN PRODUCTION,

TIMING OF CONSTRUCTION OF NEW STORAGE FACILITIES), AND NO
COMMITMENT IS NOW POSSIBLE OR EVEN DESIRABLE. HOWEVER, FOR IN-
HOUSE PLANNING PURPOSES, WE HERE ARE THINKING OF AN ARRANGEMDT
OF PERHAPS AS MUCH AS 60,000 TONS FOR FOOD SECURITY SCHEME. BASED
ON PARA 3 OF REF A, WE ASSUME WASHINGTON HAS NO PROBLEM WITH
OUR DISCUSSING WITH TANGOV OFFICIALS POSSIBILITY OF A
CONTRIBUTION OF FOOD GRAIN TO THE SCHEME. IF WASHINGTON SEES
ANY INSURMOUNTABLE OBSTACLE TO SUCH A POSSIBILITY, OR IF ANY
DEVELOPS IN FUTURE, PLEASE INFORM US.
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